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Riverside celebrates 5,000th SmartRiverside computer donation recipient

Riverside, CA –City Council will recognize Mr. Lawrence Jasper, a United States Air Force disabled veteran, as the 5,000th recipient of a free computer on Tues, Oct 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Riverside Art Pick City Council Chambers.

Recently recognized as a worldwide Top 7 Intelligent Community, the City of Riverside has partnered with SmartRiverside to provide “Digital Inclusion” training for families in need. The Digital Inclusion Program provides qualified families a free refurbished PC, training and free wireless access to the internet.

“The Digital Inclusion program - sponsored by SmartRiverside – represents innovation at its best”, said Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge. “Digital Inclusion is a national best practice and we are proud of this significant milestone – 5,000 computers helps a lot of families.”

Mr. Lawrence took the Digital Inclusion program class through Smooth Transitions, which provides the unique training. SmartRiverside notified Mr. Jasper that he was the 5,000th recipient and that Dell Computer donated a new PC to celebrate the accomplishments of the program. Mr. Jasper said “I dreamed one day I might get a new PC”, and “the following morning I was told I would receive one. I am truly blessed.” He will also receive Microsoft Office Software and a wireless modem to access of the free City Wide Broadband Internet.

Mr. Jasper was a radio communication operator in the Air Force and later served in law enforcement on the east coast. He relocated to California where he became a life insurance agent and worked in marketing for the life insurance company for 25 years.

Mr. Jasper is accepting this gift to be presented by the Executive Director of SmartRiverside at the Art Pick City Council Chambers on October 25th at 6:30 p.m. Smart Riverside is also hosting an Open House of the Digital Inclusion Center that day from 1 – 3 p.m. at 2801 Hulen Place where visitors can see where computers are refurbished by reformed gang members from Project Bridge. For more information on the Open House and tours, call 951.826.5446.

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